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FOR DAVID ANDERSON ONLY FROM PETER TARNOFF

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SUBJECT: CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

1. IN THE EVENT OF A CONFIRMATION THAT ALDO MORO HAS BEEN
ASSASSINATED, HERE IS A MESSAGE TO ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER
FORLANI FOR MR. VANCE'S CONSIDERATION:

BEGIN TEXT: PLEASE ACCEPT MY PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON
THE TRAGIC DEATH OF ALDO MORO. I SHARE DEEPLY WITH YOU
TODAY THE SHOCK AND BITTERNESS WHICH ALL ITALIANS MUST
FEEL AT HIS PASSING.

ALDO MORO CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP
AND COMMON PURPOSE WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND
AMONG THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. HIS ACHIEVEMENTS WILL PRO-
VIDE A CONTINUING STANDARD BY WHICH ALL MAY MEASURE THOSE
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OF THE STATESMEN WHO WILL SUCCEED HIM.

IN THIS DIFFICULT MOMENT FOR ITALIAN DEMOCRACY, I WISH
TO ASSURE YOU OF THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF MY GOVERNMENT
AND OF ALL AMERICANS FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO DEFEND THE
VALUES AND IDEALS WHICH WE ALL HOLD DEAR AS FINE AND
DEMOCRATIC NATIONS. CYRUS VANCE. END QUOTE.

2. SUBJECT TO MR. VANCE'S AND ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WISHES,
DEPARTMENT WOULD RELEASE THE STATEMENT AT THE NOON
BRIEFING FOLLOWING CONFIRMATION OF MORO ASSASSINATION.

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